



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6890

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AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Each contract entered
2 into on or after July 1, 2006, for the construction, remodeling,
3 refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any
4 public building project by the state or any of its agents, or by any
5 political subdivision of the state or any of its agents, where the total
6 cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors
7 in connection with the contract is at least one hundred thousand
8 dollars, shall contain a provision requiring that, not later than thirty
9 days after the date such contract is awarded, each contractor furnish
10 proof to the Labor Commissioner that all employees performing
11 manual labor on or in such public building, pursuant to such contract,
12 have completed a course of at least ten hours in duration in
13 construction safety and health approved by the federal Occupational
14 Safety and Health Administration.

15 (b) Any employee required to complete the construction safety and
16 health course required under subsection (a) of this section who has not
17 completed the course shall be subject to removal from the worksite if
18 the employee does not provide documentation of having completed
19 such course by the thirtieth day after the date the employee is found to
20 be in noncompliance. The Labor Commissioner or said commissioner's

21 designee shall enforce this section.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Labor Commissioner shall
 23 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
 24 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and
 25 (b) of this section. Such regulations shall require that the ten-hour
 26 construction safety and health course be conducted in accordance with
 27 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training
 28 Institute standards. The Labor Commissioner shall accept as sufficient
 29 proof of compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this
 30 section a student course completion card issued by the federal
 31 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute,
 32 dated no earlier than five years before the commencement date of such
 33 public works project.

34 (d) For the purposes of this section, "public building" means a
 35 structure, paid for, in whole or in part, with state funds, within a roof
 36 and within exterior walls or fire walls, designed for the housing,
 37 shelter, enclosure and support of people, animals or property of any
 38 kind, including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants and water
 39 treatment plants. "Public building" does not include site work, roads or
 40 bridges, rail lines, parking lots or underground water, sewer or
 41 drainage systems including pump houses or other utility systems.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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